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TAGS: CASC. TU
SUBJ: HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST PROPOSED AMNESTY LEGISLATION

1. LOCAL CONSULAR ASSISTANT IN TWO PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH DIRECTOR OF SAGMALCILAR PRISON FIVE AND SIX MARCH LEARNED THAT NUMBER OF TURKISH PRISONERS ARE HOLDING HUNGER STRIKE IN PROTEST OVER PROVISIONS OF AMNESTY PROPOSAL, WHICH CONSIDERED NOT BROAD ENOUGH. DIRECTOR GAVE NO NUMBERS BUT SAID FOREIGN PRISONERS ALSO CLAIMED TO BE PARTICIPATING, HE UNDERSTOOD PRIMARILY TO GAIN FAVOR WITH TURKISH PRISONERS AND IN EFFORT TO SHOW SOLIDARITY. DIRECTOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT IN FACT FOREIGN PRISONERS ONLY PRETENDING TO PARTICIPATE AND ACTUALLY EATING. HE DID NOT KNOW SPECIFICALLY IF AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE INVOLVED.

2. PRISON WAS CLOSED TO VISITORS BECAUSE PRISONERS WERE REFUSING TO SEE THEM. IN PHONE CONVERSATION AFTERNOON SIX MARCH HE INVITED CONSULATE TO SEND CONOFF THAT AFTERNOON TO SEE AMERICANS. CONOFF WILL REPORT VIA SEPTEL FOLLOWING VISIT.

3. WHILE PRISON DIRECTOR GAVE NO STATICTICS, LOCAL PRESS
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HAS REPORTED APPROXIMATELY 450 TURKISH PRISONERS AND

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35 FOREIGNERS PARTICIPATING IN HUNGER STRIKE. PRESS DID NOT GIVE NATIONALITY OF FOREIGNERS INVOLVED, SO CONSULATE WILL NOT KNOW UNTIL AFTER VISIT IF AMERICANS WERE TAKING PART.

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